

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/785,572

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 2-05-07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2,4-13 and 15-28.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1, 2, 4-13 and 15-28 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: It is agreed that the prior art of record fail to teach or suggest alone or in combination, a portable lamp assembly including the combination of the limitations: "multiple switches (switch assembly) coupled to the multiple (pair of) twin tube PL fluorescent lamps respectively, wherein the multiple switches (switch assembly) control the multiple PL fluorescent lamps independently and a ballast circuitry configured to generate regulated power, wherein the regulated power is selectively provided to the multiple (pair of) twin tube PL fluorescent lamps by the multiple switches (switch assembly) wherein the ballast circuit is a solid state ballast circuit that includes at least one pair of oscillating transistors that are adapted to provide regulated power to start and operate the multiple (pair of) twin tube PL fluorescent lamps including multiple (pair of) twin tube PL lamps with integral starters" in a manner claimed in claims 2 and 10; and "a switch (switch assembly) coupled to the plurality of twin tube PL fluorescent lamps so as to allow the user to activate the plurality of twin tube PL fluorescent lamps; solid state ballast circuitry that generates regulated power which is provided to the plurality of twin tube PL fluorescent lamps wherein the ballast circuitry includes at least one pair of oscillating transistors that are adapted to provide regulated power to both start and operate the plurality of twin tube PL fluorescent lamps including PL fluorescent lamps with integral starters; a housing that defines a gripping surface to permit a user to hold the lamp assembly and lamp cavity that receives the plurality of twin tube PL fluorescent lamps wherein the housing defines an interior space that is sized to receive and retain the ballast

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circuitry" in a manner claimed in claims 15 and 22. It is for these reasons in combination with all the other limitations in the independent claims 2, 10, 15 and 22, and in light of the terminal disclaimer filed on 2-08-06 that claims 2, 4-9, 10-13, 15-21 and 22-28 are allowable over prior art of record.

Conclusion

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Correspondence

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ephrem Alemu whose telephone number is (571) 272-1818. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Douglas W Owens can be reached on (571) 272-1662. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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